



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CARLOS ALVAREZ
MAYOR

December 12, 2005

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

VIA FACSIMILE and US MAIL

Dear Governor Bush:

I am writing to ask you to sign into law, as soon as possible, a bill that recently passed the Florida Legislature. As you are aware, the Florida Legislature recently passed HB 15-B during Special Session B. HB 15-B authorizes counties recently declared major disaster areas the authority to extend the time in which property tax payments made by property owners qualify for an early payment discount. HB 15-B will provide homeowners in hurricane-damaged areas much-needed additional time to pay their property taxes at a time when homeowners in these still-recovering areas need it most. You showed great leadership during the recent hurricanes. Please continue your support to us by signing this legislation into law. I also would like to commend the bill's sponsor, Representative Adam Hasner, as well as the Senate sponsor, Senator Jeff Atwater, for filing this needed legislation.

As always, your service to Miami-Dade County is truly appreciated, and I look forward to your support. Should you wish to discuss this matter further or if we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Alvarez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

cc: Senator Jeff Atwater
Representative Adam Hasner
Honorable Chairman & Members
Board of County Commissioners
George Burgess, County Manager
Joe Rasco, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Debra D. Owens, Director, Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation